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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT :

Chinese Communist Forces, Laos

REFERENCE :

Requirement NSA/SPO/R-100-71
NPIC Project 251080

1. In response to the referenced requirement, the latest available photography was searched to determine the extent of Chinese Communist forces road construction activity in the vicinity of Boun Tai, Muong Houn, Muong Sai, Muong Khoua, and Sop Kai, Laos (See attachments 1-5).

2. The results of the search are as follows:

A. Boun Tai: A search of the Boun Tai area revealed that 12 possible buildings have been constructed since [REDACTED] in the vicinity of UTM coordinates RD088676. There were no visible signs which would indicate the presence of a Chinese Communist construction/engineer division or road construction activity. The existing lines of communication in the immediate Boun Tai area consist of improved trails which appear to be incapable of handling heavy vehicular traffic.

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B. Muong Houn: A search within a 2-nm radius revealed two construction camps, 11 occupied antiaircraft artillery sites, and six unoccupied antiaircraft artillery sites. These are as follows:

(1) Construction Camps

(a) Construction camp consisting of 21 buildings (QC596300).

(b) Construction camp consisting of 15 buildings (QC572293).

(2) Antiaircraft Artillery

(a) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (QC598301).

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(b) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (QC590298).

(c) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (QC587295).

(d) Occupied six-gun AAA site (QC576296).

(e) Occupied six-gun AAA site (QC580290).

(f) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (QC575288).

(g) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (QC567289).

(h) Occupied six-gun AAA with possible FIRE CAN radar (QC564284).

(i) Occupied six-gun AAA with FIRE CAN radar (QC570284).

(j) Occupied six-gun AAA site (QC566282).

(k) Occupied six-gun AAA site (QC570280).

(l) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (QC567279).

(m) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (QC578286).

(n) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (QC570289).

(o) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (QC593299).

(p) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (QC595299).

(q) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (QC596297).

C. Muong Sai: A search within a 2-nm radius revealed six construction camps, one vehicle park, nine occupied antiaircraft artillery sites, and three unoccupied antiaircraft artillery sites, as follows:

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1. Construction Camps

(a) Construction camp consisting of 33 buildings (RC095930).

(b) Construction camp consisting of 34 buildings and four cargo trucks (RC101922).

(c) Construction camp consisting of six buildings (RC107910).

(d) Construction camp consisting of 12 buildings and six cargo trucks (RC116910).

(e) Construction camp consisting of six buildings and one cargo truck (RC118913).

(f) Construction camp consisting of 11 buildings (RC121916).

2. Vehicle Parks

(a) Vehicle park containing 17 cargo trucks (RC112903).

3. Antiaircraft Artillery

(a) Occupied six-gun AAA site (RC111910).

(b) Occupied six-gun AAA site (RC115906).

(c) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (RC122903).

(d) Occupied six-gun AAA site (RC114900).

(e) Occupied six-gun AAA site (RC119899).

(f) Occupied six-gun AAA site (RC120891).

(g) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (RC122891).

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(h) Occupied six-gun AAA site (RC124898).

(i) Occupied six-gun AAA site with FIRE CAN radar (SH876899).

(j) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (RC119905).

(k) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (RC116908).

(l) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (RC109904).

D. Muong Khoua: A search within a 2.5-nm radius revealed two construction camps, ten unoccupied antiaircraft artillery sites, and four antiaircraft artillery sites of which the occupancy and number of positions cannot be determined. They are as follows:

1. Construction Camps

(a) Construction camp consisting of seven buildings (TJ382309).

(b) Construction camp consisting of 29 buildings (TJ370307).

2. Antiaircraft Artillery

(a) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ413327).

(b) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ410327).

(c) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ406323).

(d) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ401321).

(e) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ402319).

(f) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ404319).

(g) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ387310).

(h) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ380316).

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- (i) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ378316).
- (j) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ377317).
- (k) AAA site, occupancy and number of positions unknown (TJ409328).
- (l) AAA site, occupancy and number of positions unknown (TJ406326).
- (m) AAA site, occupancy and number of positions unknown (TJ372310).
- (n) AAA site, occupancy and number of positions unknown (TJ372308).

E. Sop Kai: A search within a 2-nm radius revealed three construction camps, one occupied antiaircraft artillery site, six unoccupied antiaircraft artillery sites, and one antiaircraft artillery site of which the occupancy and number of positions could not be determined.

1. Construction Camps

- (a) Construction camp consisting of 44 buildings (TJ326297).
- (b) Construction camp consisting of 11 buildings (TJ340291).
- (c) Construction camp consisting of six buildings (TJ355298).

2. Antiaircraft Artillery

- (a) Occupied four-gun AAA site (TJ367310).
- (b) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (TJ365311).
- (c) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (TJ367308).
- (d) Unoccupied six-position AAA site (TJ357299).

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(e) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (TJ351297).

(f) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (TJ348294).

(g) Unoccupied four-position AAA site (TJ347296).

(h) AAA site, occupancy and number of positions unknown (TJ367304).

3. Questions regarding this project may be directed to the imagery analyst, [redacted] of the Southeast Asia Branch, EGD/IEG, on extension [redacted]. This project is considered complete.

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